

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

INDIANAPOLIS, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1900.

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Open
Every Evening
This Week.**L. S. AYRES & CO.**

Indiana's Greatest Distributors of Dry Goods

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This Week.

Lending Santa Claus A Helping Hand

EVERY effort of the quality store is bent toward making your Christmas buying easy and resultful. Never before have we provided so liberally, published store news so widely, or given over so many hours to serving the public. This week L. S. Ayres & Co. will remain open every evening. Salespeople will work in relays. This arrangement gives you a maximum of shopping time, and yet allows salespeople alternate evenings of rest. Clear brains and willing hands will be at your service day and evening. The goods? They speak for themselves—truthfully here; at the counter, eloquently indeed.

Pillows

And Pillow Coverings

A pillow is a pillow always, but a sofa pillow has little to recommend it if it is not in some way novel or unique in its material or decorations. Our pillow coverings include hand-printed fabrics from India, gold embroidered silks from China, Japanese brocades, French tapestries and queerly wrought materials from Asiatic Turkey.

Pillow Tops as above, \$60, \$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.75 and up to \$15.

Fifty different styles at.....\$9.95

Pillows made up, choice effects, \$3.50, \$5.00 and.....\$1.95

—Third Floor.

Tabourettes

Stools and Stands

Our furniture showing is all on the decorative order. Tabourettes, stools and stands are not necessary to a room's furnishings; neither are rugs, pictures or hangings, but they add much to its beauty; and they are always welcomed by the mistress of the home.

Tabourettes, from American and Turkish makers, with pyrographic, inlaid and carved decorations, \$4.50, \$6.50, \$8.50 and up to \$25.

Stools and Stands, appealingly graceful and pretty, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$5.75 and \$6.

—Third Floor.

Lace Curtains

Here's a pointer for the man of the house. We are selling lace curtains at cost—not for the fun of the thing, but to make ready for the new stock coming in about Feb. 1. Many beautiful curtains are cheaper than you've ever known them. Don't you know of a room that could be improved by a new pair or so? Use your eyes and please the housewife.

Brussels Curtains as low as.....\$3.75

Battenbergs for as little as.....\$4.95

Irish Points at upward from.....\$3.60

Nottingham down to.....\$1.20

—Third Floor.

Mufflers at \$1

Score of patterns, and, what's more, each Muffler is reversible—plaid on one side, stripe on the other, brocade and stripes or Bayadere and vertical stripes; all soft padded and in a wide range of colorings, choice at.....\$1.00

Pattern Robes

1-3 to 2-3 Under Price

We never carry novelty dress goods from one season to another. These reductions tell why. But you must speak soon. Only twenty-two of them left.

4 Embroidered Cloth Robes, brown, blue and green, were \$29, \$39 and \$45; now.....\$15.00

3 Novelty Patterns, plum, green and blue, reduced from \$19 to.....\$12.75

3 patterns that were \$25 each, plum, brown and green, now.....\$16.50

2 Novelty Zibeline Dress Lengths, that were \$23, mode and plum, now.....\$19.00

8 Zibeline patterns, in popular shades, reduced from \$19.50 to.....\$12.75

2 Satin Cloth Dress Lengths, that were \$23, gray or mode; choice.....\$19.00

—East Aisle.

Collarettes

And Stern Collars

Single pieces have almost all suffered a special holiday reduction, ranging from a third to a half. Some such are listed. They are bargains indeed.

Two Electric Seal Yokes, edged with a six-inch border of Blue Fox and 21-inch front tabs of Blue Fox, now priced.....\$15.00

One Blue Lynx Storm Collar, with front tabs, tail-trimmed, was \$35, now.....\$42.50

One Electric Seal Collarette, with best Brown Marten trimmings, ruffled collar and Marten tab front, likewise half price, instead of \$50, now.....\$25.00

One Black Persian-trimmed style, of finest quality, drops from \$35 to.....\$50.00

One Astrakhan Maria, trimmed with Sable Fox, tab front, fancy lined, instead of \$50, now.....\$25.00

One Electric Seal Collarette, with trimmings of Brown Marten, reduced from \$35 to.....\$32.50

—Third Floor.

Specials for Monday

Real Seal Storm Collars, trimmed with eight Mink Tails and fancy linings—tails alone worth the price.....\$9.75

Storm Collars of natural Southern Beaver, with six Sable Fox Tails and fancy linings; special.....\$13.75

Real Marten Scarfs, with eight natural tails, very fine and full; regularly \$30; special price.....\$15.00

—Second Floor, West.

Pictures

Some Rare Bargains

We are seldom undersold, never ranked in the extent or desirability of our showings. Just now this third floor is at its best—more to see and much that speaks eloquently for the economy of its wares. See these pictures.

Passé Partouts, 10 by 12 inches, all popular or classical subjects.....\$25

Cabinet-size Carbons, in 14-inch frames of brown oak.....\$39

6 by 8-inch Photographs, in sepia tones.....\$39

Colored Pictures, 10 by 12 inches, in malachite green frames, with fancy corners.....\$50

10 by 12-inch Colored Pictures, in gilt frames, with gilt mats and fancy corners.....\$60

9 by 12-inch Photographs, framed in gilt ornamented brown oak frames.....\$79

Composers, poets or Madonnas, 6 different subjects in each frame, 4 1/2 by 21 inches, platinum and carbons.....\$1.00

A big assortment of 10 by 12, 11 by 14 and 14 by 17-inch Pictures, in both colors and black and white; choice.....\$1.00

Platinums, framed in gray-finished Circles and Small Carbons, in brown veneer, ornamented frames.....\$1.25

11 by 14-inch Platinums, in 2-inch iron-gray frames, or 15 by 20-inch colored Photocolors, suitably framed.....\$1.50

Aurora, Apollo and the Muses, and the Fra Angelicos, framed in gilt frames, with gilt mats.....\$2.00

—Second Floor, South.

Ribbon Bows

For the Hair 25c

One milliner devotes her whole time to the making of these fetching little ornaments. Choice materials are used, and they have the grace of outline only possible from the deft fingers of a milliner.

Chenille, Lace-edge Ribbon and kindred materials, all wired and mounted.....\$25

Hair Ornaments, of flowers and foliage, we also make in many pretty forms.

Agreeable and Novelty Ornaments of increasing elegance up to \$10.

We've made some pretty things for dolls, too; mostly on order.

—Second Floor, South.

Blankets

Every fireman in Indianapolis sleeps under an Ayres blanket. The recent contract awarded by the Board of Public Safety for blankets came to L. S. Ayres & Co. in competition—best values won. Can you ignore the logic of buying where values are greatest for the price?

Cotton Blankets that are clean and odorless.

Baby Blankets, 75c; 10-4 size.....\$9.80

11-4 size Cotton Blankets, in all colors.....\$1.35

Others of increasing weight and fancy patterns.....\$1.35 to \$1.65

10-4 All-wool White Blankets, a pair.....\$3.75

11-4 All-wool Blankets, with red, pink or blue borders, a pair.....\$5.50

We are agents for the celebrated St. Mary's Blankets; have all qualities at upward from.....\$7.50

Get a Blanket Booklet—It's free.

Bath Robes and Kindred Comforts

Perhaps his old robe is worn and faded. It may be still clings to his muslin night shirt, in spite of December. Men are careless about such things. Why not turn the tables on Santa Claus or on that good-natured big brother?

Handsome Bath Robes of Turkish Towelling.....\$5 and \$6.00

Blanket Robes.....\$5, \$6 and \$8.00

Good Night Shirts of Outing Flannel.....\$50

Best quality, big and full.....\$7.50

Fancy Night Shirts.....\$1.15 and \$1.50

Pajamas, in good qualities, \$1.50 to \$2.50

Children's Coats

Are Much Cheaper

A new scale of prices went into effect Saturday—10 to 15 per cent. cheaper than the already very reasonable askings. Extended mention is barred from the fact that frequently there are but one, two or three jackets of a style. Two exceptions:

Box Coats, of Kersey Cloth, for girls of 6 to 12 years, garnet, blue or castor, trimmed with stitched bands; instead of \$11, now.....\$9.50

One of the season's prettiest Box Coats, made of fine Kersey, with velvet collar, blue, brown or castor, sizes 8 to 12 years, reduced from \$15 to.....\$13.50

—Second Floor, South.

Dress Shoes

For Little People

Lads and Lassies have been especially remembered in the Ayres Shoe Store. We've seen to it that our children's shoes fit as well as look and wear satisfactorily. Various sizes run through A, B, C, D and E widths, and the new "nature's form" lasts are particularly prominent.

All styles in either Kid or Patent Leather—Slipper, Oxford or Boot.

Moccasins and Soft-sole Shoes for the baby are given special prominence in display case.

—Second Floor.

Rag Dolls

All the bisque and china of France will never displace the rag doll in the affections of the average child. Perhaps it is because "rag dollie" never cracks her head, loses an eye or breaks a foot. These we have (the materials for making)—are printed in nature's colors and won't fade.

Heavy Duck, for life-size Doll, 2 1/2 feet high.....\$40

20-inch size.....\$20

Toy Doll, the colored baby.....\$20

Baby's Ball, yellow or red, a great toy.....\$20

The Cry-baby Pin Cushion.....\$5

—East Aisle.

Gift Rugs

So permanent an article as a rug must be chosen with care and discretion. The assortment from which you choose should be broad enough for a full exercise of one's best taste. That privilege is yours. We've selected carefully and we've gathered generously. The "most of the best" and "the best cheap" applies here.

Beautiful Wilton Velvet Rugs, 3 by 6 feet, \$3.50, \$5 and.....\$5.00

Chicely-colored Smyrnas, 3 by 6 feet, \$6.50, \$5 and.....\$3.50

Handsome Oriental Rugs, 4 by 6 feet, \$12.50, \$10.50 and.....\$8.50

Selected Orientals, 5 by 8 feet, \$18.50, \$16.50 and.....\$15.00

—Third Floor.

Suspenders in Gift Boxes

This is a notable showing, and every pair is fresh from the maker—rubber as strong as can be. With Suspenders "Handsome is as handsome does." These fill the bill in both beauty and quality.....\$50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25

Umbrellas

Gilt That Always Please.

Our assortment, now shimmering with the sheen of silk and the glint of polished ivory and precious metal, is a speaking argument for you to choose where variety is broadest. Prices? They range from \$1 to \$15, but there are three special lots that offer remarkable value.

For Men or Women.

Silk Serge Umbrellas at \$2, worth \$2.50.

Twilled and Taffeta Umbrellas at \$3.75, worth \$5.

And one lot of beautiful Umbrellas, with silver and gold-trimmed ivory and natural wood handles, at \$5. Easily worth from \$6 to \$8. You'll say so when you see them.

—West Aisle.

Kid Gloves

We show French-made, two-clasp glove for a dollar a pair—all colors and black. Another triumph in buying brings you a real kid, pique sewn suede glove at \$1.25. It has a large pearl button fastening, and is offered in two handsome shades of gray and mode.

Renier Suedes are now obtainable in red, mode or gray, one-clasp fastening, pique sewn, a pair.....\$1.50

Every color in the well-known makes of real Kid Dress Gloves—Dent's, Foster's or Treoussie's, a pair.....\$1.50

—West Aisle.

New Challies

At \$1 a yard.

You naturally expect something handsome at that price; but realization exceeds anticipation. They're beautiful.

The material is unusually fine and is striped with pique-edged satin stripes, then printed in new and exclusive designs. Thirty new pieces just over the ocean.

Zephyr Shatols

of Silk, Wool and Silk and Wool.

What is prettier or more graceful for an evening head dress? And what is more generally useful? The woman who wouldn't like one as a gift hasn't been discovered.

Our showing embraces all the dainty pinks, creams and blues in the most exquisite qualities, \$2.25 to \$7.50 each.

—Second Floor.

Golf Capes

A special offer for the early part of the week includes a number of Golf Capes, formerly \$12.50 and \$15, at.....\$9.75

You'll save money by seeing them.

Short Skirts

At Ten Dollars

The rainy-day skirt is essential and our showing always embraces many surprises in style and value.

Special for the week is one lot of broken sizes, regularly worth \$12.50 and \$14; choose at.....\$10.00

Shirts and Neckwear

Neck Scarfs, in gift boxes, especially Teck styles, are among the season's most appealing merchandise. Our selections are distinguished by a quiet elegance that pleases those of exacting taste; choice qualities.....\$75c, \$1 and \$1.50

The best Neckwear made to sell at 50c is here in every form—Teck, Puff, Imperial or Four-in-hand—worth.....\$1.00

Ayre's Shirts include the famous Monarch Dress Shirt and all the new things in colored effects, either, at.....\$1.00

SLUR ON AMERICANS

QUEER STATEMENT IN THE LONDON DAILY MAIL'S YEAR BOOK.

"The United States Has Many Able Men, but No One of Conspicuous Merit," It Says.

NARROW VIEWS OF THE PRESS

SELDOM ON THE RIGHT SIDE IN DISCUSSING OUR AFFAIRS.

British Editors Nearly Always at Variance with the Opinion of the Foreign Office.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"The United States have many able men, but no one of conspicuous merit." This statement appears in the Daily Mail Year Book, just issued, to compete with Witter's Almanac, under the section devoted to the world's chief statesmen. While it is not an inspired or particularly erudite publication, it, unfortunately, represents the bulk of press and public opinion in England. Nothing so well explains the attitude of the English press toward American action in Nicaragua, China and other quarters of the globe, as this crude revelation of its estimate of American public men. It is this underlying, though seldom expressed belief, which frequently meets the editorials now so frequently devoted to the policy of the Washington government. How utterly this is at variance with the opinion of the Foreign Office and the highest government officials here is apparent from the fact that in almost every recent case where the English papers have attempted to advise or to forecast the attitude of their government towards propositions suggested by the United States they have taken exactly the opposite line from the course eventually pursued by Lord Salisbury and the Marquis of Lansdowne. This lack of sympathy between the administration papers seems to broaden daily. Hence, while the mass of English comments on the Nicaraguan canal question undoubtedly represents the views of a large section of the public it must not be considered in any way official, or even semi-official.

A special cable dispatch from Washington complains that the London dispatches dealing with the Nicaragua canal do not give any indication of the views of Lord Lansdowne, the Marquis of Salisbury or any authoritative person. It may be said that Lord Lansdowne has been given every opportunity to communicate his views on the matter, but he has definitely refused, remarking that he did not wish to attempt to interfere, covertly or otherwise, in the formation of American public or legislative opinion. He has not even discussed the canal in his frequent conferences, this week, with the United States ambassador, Joseph H. Choate. Great Britain's decision doubtless will be arrived at only after a Cabinet conference. What Lord Lansdowne will advise his fellow Cabinet members to do depends entirely on the final shape in which the treaty is returned. As the matter stands it would be equally unsafe to say he will counsel its rejection or acceptance, though if he follows the ideas which at present prevail among the Foreign Office officials he will fall back on the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and reject any modifications of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

The dreary prospects of interminable war in South Africa and increased taxation at home are no deterrent to Christmas gaiety. The shops and markets are brighter than ever, gay throngs fill the streets, business is at top notch and the theaters are crowded. Thousands of people are preparing to invade London to welcome Lord Roberts home. The number of spectators of "Bobs's" march to St. Paul's, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, Jan. 3, is likely to break all records. The officials are already besieged for tickets for the thanksgiving service, and window owners are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the line of march.

The British Admiralty has thoroughly awakened to the purpose of submarine and similar methods of warfare. It has arranged to test Vane's invention for steering torpedoes and submarine boats by means of the wireless telegraphy operated by A. G. Higgs, the United States naval attaché at Weymouth. The United States naval attaché, Commander Clover, is following up the matter closely. Germany has made an offer for the German rights. The invention has been considerably altered since it was first shown to the German government. The inventor expresses the belief that the danger of interference or "jamming," as it is technically called, has been eliminated. As recent Marconi experiments prove instruments not exactly tuned to the same note can have no influence over others, regardless of the power of the batteries, Mr. Higgs provides each torpedo with a different note and directs it from a ship or the land, on or under water, towards the object it is desired to destroy by means of the same current whereby wireless messages are transmitted.

The latest form of trust is that of Polar dogs. According to Sir Clements Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society, Americans are responsible for forming such a corner in these animals that the pending British and other Arctic expeditions are confronted with a difficulty nearly as great as the ice fields. It appears that E. B. Baldwin, the American explorer, has bought up such a large supply of dogs that their price has risen from \$18 to \$30, and they are hard to procure even at that price. Captain Bernier, the Canadian explorer, hopes to get out of the dilemma by taking young dogs and training them on the voyage. What the two British Antarctic expedition will do Sir Clements Markham does not know. Mr. Baldwin says he has no more dogs than he needs. He foresees the scarcity and bought early.

Mr. Robert Arlington, the eccentric gentleman of Leeds, who lived in a miserly manner in order to be able to devote his wealth to foreign missions, left over £10,000 to charities of all kinds. He made his fortune out of a brewery and lived in one filthy room, containing about as much furniture as a pauper's hotel. Disappointment in love is said to have been responsible for his extraordinary life. He was a tall, spare man, who wore a slouch hat and dressed in frayed garments, made in the style of the sixties, and who never

was known to give away a penny in his lifetime.

The death of Sir Arthur Sullivan has had a curious effect on the audiences of "Patience" at the Savoy. It has so stimulated interest in the dead composer's work that the audiences are exceeding the records of the first production of the opera, a score of years ago.

THE HOME-NURSING BUREAU.

An Institution Differing Somewhat from Any Indianapolis Charity.

The home-nursing bureau, which, under various names, have within the last few years been established, or are being established in the large cities of the United States and Canada, form one of the most worthy of our many charities, although the work is carried on in a wholly unostentatious manner, and comparatively few people know even the nature of the aid which it renders. The object of the bureau is to furnish to the sick poor of the city trained nurses who will go into the homes and render such aid as is needed, without compensation from the patient or his family. If nothing more were said, the enterprise would stand commended. The work supplements that of the city hospital and the city physicians, and occupies a field hitherto almost untouched. It recognizes no sect or nationality, but ministers to any who are too poor to pay for attendance in sickness and receives aid for its maintenance from all who are in sympathy with its object. The bureau is made accessible to all by telephone connection, and any person may send a call for a nurse in any case of need. Unless the need is urgent, one of a committee goes to the home specified and investigates the conditions before a nurse is sent out. This is, however, only done in cases reported by parties unknown to the bureau, and is a useful safeguard against imposition. Most frequent callers are received from the city physicians from settlement workers and from the visitors of the associated charities. All physicians whose practice takes them among the poor, sympathize heartily with the work, for until these nurses could be called upon, there were cases which were utterly hopeless from the first, simply because there was no one to carry out the doctor's instructions, and more depended upon careful nursing than upon medicines. The doctors, therefore, gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of telephoning for a nurse in such cases, and in return they hold themselves subject to charity calls in their vicinity.

A dispensary is maintained in some cities in connection with the home-nursing bureau. Here, poor people, who are recommended by some responsible party, can come for treatment for the nominal sum of 5 cents, and even this amount is remitted at discretion.

The nurses who enter upon this work volunteer their services. Young women who are in a position to earn \$15 a week nursing in pleasant homes, tender their time and services in the same spirit of pitying love for the unfortunate that the residents of our social settlements take up their work. The nurses receive no board, laundry, care fare and \$15 a month. In some cases volunteers who are not trained nurses, but who show an aptitude for the work, are taken and given training under the head nurse and her assistants.

The nurses visit several cases a day, spending from one to three hours with each patient, as needed. A part of their duty, often, is to instruct the other members of the family how to care for the one who is sick. In cases of extreme poverty, food, medicine, clothing and bedding are loaned. In the case of a sick mother with small children, a place is found for the children temporarily, either with neighbors or in a home, or, perhaps, in a mission kindergarten during the day when the father is away.

Often the battle is not for health alone, but for fresh air and cleanliness as well. The nurses do not stay in the homes they visit. There is usually no room or bed for them or accommodations of any sort, and their health would be seriously threatened should they remain in some of the houses which they visit. The nature of their work demands nourishing food and clean surroundings. On account of the house-to-house visiting no contagious cases can be taken.

The work in each city is inaugurated by the personal distribution of circulars, which usually opens the way for at least a brief explanation of the proposed work, by addresses given before church and other societies and by the co-operation of the physicians of the city. In some places the city grants a appropriation to help carry on a portion of the work, but it is principally maintained by voluntary contributions either of a single sum or of amounts pledged to be paid weekly or monthly.

The